

## Playing Offensively

LG-03 Let's Go Series

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- Matthew 28:18–20
- “Let’s Go” – a response to the directive – “Therefore, Go”
- Church is bigger than Sunday morning...now go outside and play

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- 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 ... 32 Don’t give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God...
- Matthew 10:32–34 ... 34 “Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.
- John 8:42–47 ...For you are the children of your father the devil, .... for he is a liar and the father of lies... you don’t listen because you don’t belong to God.”
- 2 Thessalonians 2:7–12 ... He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them.
- Romans 1:18-19,25 ... wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness... They traded the truth about God for a lie...

## Biblical Offensive Plays

- Acts 13:6–12 ... Watch now, for the Lord has laid his hand of punishment upon you, and you will be struck blind. You will not see the sunlight for some time.”
- Acts 16:16–40 ...a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future...“These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved.” ...“I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.”
  - 2 Corinthians 11:14 (NLT) — 14 But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:16 (NLT) — 16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view...
- Same with Jesus in Luke 4:33–35 ...“Be quiet! Come out of the man,”
  - His response – offensively expel the demon
- Push back for Paul and Silas
  - Beaten and prisoned
  - Rescued from prison
  - Salvation to the Jailer’s household

## Offensive gear

- A covenant with God through Jesus – salvation
- The blood of Jesus that defeated Satan
- The name of Jesus – his authority
- The sword of the Spirit – the word of God
- 2 Corinthians 10:3–5 ... We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.
  - What is the source of those human reasonings and false arguments? – the father of lies

## Playing without the gear

- Acts 19:13–20

## Defense in your offense

- Ephesians 6:10–18
  - Truth
  - Righteousness
  - Good News
  - Faith
  - Salvation
  - The Word
  - Prayer
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Both Offensive and Defensive Plays
  - Opposition comes at you when attempting to advance

## Conclusion

- Philippians 2:12-13 (AMP)12 Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ) 13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.
- Go outside and play/work – energized, with power and desire